

BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001 Meriwether, Georgia [13199]

Meriwether is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the <u>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA (MSA)</u>. Its 2001 population of 22,589 ranked 73rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Meriwether had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,273. This PCPI ranked 104th in the state and was 71 percent of the state average, \$28,582, and 66 percent of the national average, \$30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.6 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 2.1 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of Meriwether was \$11,828 and ranked 148th in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Meriwether had a total personal income (TPI) of \$457,954*. This TPI ranked 81st in the state and accounted for 0.2 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of Meriwether was \$266,859* and ranked 72nd in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected a decrease of 0.3 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 4.5 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Meriwether. In 2001 net earnings accounted for 61.1 percent of TPI (compared with 63.2 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.4 percent (compared with 15.5 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 22.4 percent (compared with 21.3 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings decreased 5.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.3 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 5.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.1 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Meriwether decreased from \$239,747* in 2000 to \$222,887* in 2001, a decrease of 7.0 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 3.8 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of \$166,579* to the 2001 estimate was 3.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.4 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.